

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
)
Plaintiff,)
) **CRIMINAL NO. 24-CR-30089-SMY**
vs.)
)
DEONTE C. WILLIAMS,)
)
Defendant.)

PRELIMINARY ORDER OF FORFEITURE

In this Indictment filed in the above cause on June 20, 2024, the United States sought forfeiture of property of Defendant, Deonte C. Williams, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code Section 924(d). The Court, upon consideration of guilty plea in this matter, hereby finds that the following property is forfeitable and hereby **ORDERS ITS FORFEITURE**:

A Taurus, model: G2C, 9 mm caliber semi-automatic pistol, serial number: SN: TLY06329; and

Any and all ammunition contained therein or seized therewith.

The United States shall provide notice of the forfeiture and the right of persons other than the defendant who have any claim or legal interest in any of the property to file a petition with the Court. The notice shall be provided in a manner consistent with Supplemental Rule G(4)(a) of the Supplemental Rules for Admiralty or Maritime Claims and Asset Forfeiture Actions.

The notice shall state that the petition shall be set for a hearing to adjudicate the validity of the petitioner's alleged interest in the property, shall be signed by the petitioner under penalty of perjury, and shall set forth the nature and extent of the petitioner's right, title, or interest in the forfeited property, the time and circumstances of the petitioner's acquisition of the right, title or interest in the property, any additional facts supporting the petitioner's claim, and the relief sought.

Upon the filing of a petition alleging the third-party interests in the property, the Court may amend this Order to resolve the claimed third-party interests.

The United States shall, also to the extent practicable, provide direct written notice to any person known to have alleged an interest in the property that is the subject of the Order for Forfeiture, as the substitute for the published notice to those persons so notified.

The United States Marshals or the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives shall seize and reduce to his possession, if he has not already done so, the above-described property.

This Order, pursuant to Rule 32.2(b)(3) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, shall become final with respect to Defendant Deonte C. Williams at the time of the defendant's sentencing, regardless of whether or not the rights of actual or potential third-party petitioners have been determined by that time. This Order shall be made part of the sentence of Defendant Deonte C. Williams and shall be included in the Judgment imposed against the defendant.

The United States may abandon forfeiture of the property by filing notice of the abandonment with the Court.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: February 25, 2025

A handwritten signature of Staci M. Yandle in black ink, featuring a stylized script font. It is positioned above a circular seal of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Georgia.

STACI M. YANDLE
United States District Court Judge